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Frederick Laskey, Executive Director  
Massachusetts Water Resources Authority  
100 First Avenue  
Charlestown Navy Yard  
Boston, MA 02129

AND

Lisa Peterson, Commissioner  
Cambridge Department of Public Works  
147 Hampshire Street  
Cambridge, MA 02139

AND

Stanley Koty, Commissioner  
Somerville Public Works Department  
1 Franey Road  
Somerville, MA 02145

Re: **FINAL DETERMINATION**  
VARIANCE EXTENSION FOR COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW DISCHARGES  
TO ALEWIFE BROOK/UPPER MYSTIC RIVER

Dear Messrs. Laskey and Koty and Ms. Peterson:

This correspondence transmits the Department of Environmental Protection's ("MassDEP") **FINAL DETERMINATION** to extend the Variance for Combined Sewer Overflow Discharges to the Alewife Brook/Upper Mystic River for a period of three years to September 1, 2013.

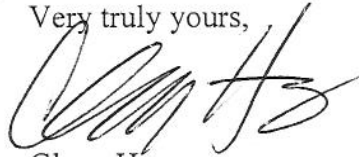
MassDEP notified the public of its Tentative Determination to extend the Variance by issuing a Public Notice on June 18, 2010 and in the Boston Globe on June 20, 2010. The Public Notice was posted on the MassDEP website on June 21, 2010. The Public Notice included the date for a Public Hearing to receive written and oral comment on the Tentative Determination and requested that any other public comment on the Tentative Determination be submitted to the MassDEP by August 2, 2010. Copies of the draft Variance Extension with Conditions and a supporting Fact Sheet were posted on the MassDEP website and mailed to anyone that requested them.

On July 21, 2010, MassDEP held a Public Hearing to accept written and oral comments on its Tentative Determination for the Variance Extension.

After considering the comments received, MassDEP reaffirms its Tentative Determination that an extension to the Variance is necessary and appropriate and hereby issues the Variance Extension with Conditions.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the enclosed Variance Extension with Conditions, please contact Mark Casella at (617) 654-6517.

Very truly yours,



Glenn Haas  
Assistant Commissioner  
Bureau of Resource Protection

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